

PRESIDENT PUCKETT IS REELECTED AGAIN

Begins His Fourth Term As Head
of Board of School
Trustees.

BOARD'S ANNUAL REORGANIZATION

Clerk W. L. Tabb Re-elected and
Standing Committees Named—Post
of Assistant to Supervisor of Man-
ual Training Established—Want
That \$10,000 From City Treasurer.

For the fourth successive time, Mr. W. E. Puckett was elected last night as president of the board of school trustees for a term of one year. He had no opposition and was named by acclamation.

In accepting the office, Mr. Puckett made a brief speech thanking the trustees for the honor conferred upon him and promising to discharge his duties to the best of his ability. He made a strong plea for the schools and urged the trustees to be ever active in advancing the school system of the city.

Mr. Puckett was elected to the school board in 1901 to succeed the late Mr. J. J. O'Donnell. In 1906 he was elected president of the board, succeeding Dr. W. F. Cooper and he has been re-elected every year since that time.

In accordance with its rules, the board held its annual reorganization last night and Clerk W. Lively Tabb was re-elected for another year without opposition. Mr. Tabb has been clerk of the board many years and has won out over so many aspirants for his job that for several years now he has been unopposed.

Standing Committees Appointed.
President Puckett appointed the standing committees for the ensuing year as follows:

Committee on rules and regulations—Messrs. Huffman, chairman; Batchelor and Richardson.
Committee on finance—Messrs. Bivens, chairman; Puckett and Lenz.
Committee on buildings and grounds

—Messrs. Sutton, chairman; Lenz and Christie.

In announcing the committee appointments, President Puckett explained that he had been forced to name Mr. Lenz on two committees because there are only eight members on the board now. As soon as a successor is elected to Mr. E. S. Blanton, who declined to serve when elected recently to fill a vacancy, Mr. Lenz will be relieved from duty on the committee on finance and the new member appointed in his place.

Assistant Manual Training Teacher.
After listening to an explanation from Superintendent of Schools Willis A. Jenkins, the board, by a unanimous vote, created the post of assistant to the supervisor of manual training, and elected Miss Nellie Kerlin to the position at a salary of \$65 per month.

In making the explanation, the superintendent said that manual training is being taught in the high school now and that the work cannot be properly carried out by a single teacher. In addition to this, he said, the new assistant would be required to relieve the principals in the various schools for one-half of one day each week so that the principals may have that time to supervise their schools.

"Well to Dream Dreams."
Superintendent Jenkins went on to make a rosy prophecy of what the future has in store. He said: "Sometimes, I think, it is well for us to dream dreams. I can see now a big manual training high school opposite the shipyard, where our boys can be prepared for the various departments of the yard. The time is coming when such a school will be established and I think it is well for us to prepare for it."

Supt. Jenkins then went on to say that boys leaving the local schools can get only \$30 a month in the shipyard, whereas, graduates of the manual training schools in Washington and New York come here and get as high as \$3 a day.

The very people, he said, who own the shipyard are giving thousands each year for the maintenance of manual training schools and they will be willing to aid in establishing such a school here.

Miss Moss Elected.

The board elected Miss Lucy F. Moss as a teacher in the North End school to fill the vacancy caused by the transferring of Miss Kerlin from that school to the department of Manual Training. Miss Annie Perkins was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Miss Llewellyn. Miss Margaret Duxton, Miss Mary Gayle and Miss Blackman were elected substitutes in the white schools. Amanda V. Clarke was elect-

ed a substitute teacher in the colored schools.

After That \$10,000.
After a somewhat lengthy discussion, the board passed a resolution directing "the proper members of the board" to draw on the city treasurer for the amount of the appropriation of \$10,000 made by the city council for the building of the new school house on Thirty-first street between Jefferson and Madison avenues.

Chairman Lenz, of the committee on finance, reported that he had been informed by the city auditor that he would recognize only vouchers endorsed by the board in paying out funds for the new school.

Supt. Jenkins said that this method of making payments on the school would confuse the reports of the board's funds and it was then that Mr. Batchelor moved that the board draw a warrant for the entire amount and deposit it to the credit of the board.

Slow Work on New School.

Chairman Sutton, of the committee on buildings and grounds, called the board's attention to the slow progress being made in the construction of the new school building in the Second ward. He said that the contractor had been slow in getting materials; that the non-arrival of the stone for the foundation of the building had held up the work and that the recent heavy rains have softened the dirt where excavations for the foundation had been made. The contractor thinks that he will have to dig deeper than the specifications require in order to get a solid ground for the foundation.

Complete Building November 15.
Mr. Lenz said that the foreman in charge of the work has told him that the building cannot be completed before November 15.

The contract requires the contractor to pay demurrage at the rate of \$3 per day every day from October 1 to the time of the completion of the school. The board had hoped to have the school completed by October 1 and had offered \$100 bonus to the contractor to accomplish that end.

After some discussion, the board ordered \$70 worth of materials for the drawing department. Chairman Sutton, of the committee on buildings and grounds, opposed the ordering of this amount of materials, but the superintendent explained that the materials are absolutely necessary for the working of the department and would have to be ordered.

Upon the request of Miss Horner, who was recently elected as a teacher in the schools, she was placed on the "first-year" list and her salary was increased accordingly. Miss Horner formerly taught in the local schools.

The clerk was directed to ask City Attorney J. A. Masie to draw up the contract between the school board and the American Heating and Ventilating Company for the installation of the heating system in the new school. The contract is to be drawn in accordance with the directions of the board.

Bills to the amount of several hundred dollars were ordered paid. Just before the board adjourned, Mr. Lenz suggested that the board make arrangements to get a building for the children in the Second ward to be used until the new school in that section is completed. The committee on buildings and grounds was directed to secure a suitable building.

The members attending the meeting were, President Puckett and Messrs. Bivens, Christie, Batchelor, Sutton, Richardson, Huffman and Lenz.

HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES HIS MONTHLY REPORT

Thirty-four Deaths and Twenty-four Births During the Month—Contagious Diseases.

According to the monthly report issued yesterday by Dr. John R. Bagby, the health officer, there were thirty-four deaths and twenty-four births in Newport News during the month of July. Twenty-four of the deaths reported were negroes and ten were whites, while the white births for the month exactly doubled the births of negroes, the totals being sixteen whites to eight negroes.

Only two colored females were born during the month and six colored males. There were nine white males and seven females. Thirteen colored females died in July and eleven colored males. The ten deaths among the whites were equally divided between the males and females.

The causes of the deaths are given as follows: Tuberculosis, 4; heart disease, 3; diarrhoea and dysentery, 5; apoplexy, 2; paresis, 1; typhoid fever, 2; stillborn, 4; accident, 1; burns, 1; ascitis, 1; epileptic convulsion, 1; pneumonia, 1; ptomaine poisoning, 1; cirrhosis of liver, 1; syphilis, 1; abscess of brain, 1; palco myelitis, 1.

Twelve cases of contagious diseases were reported during the month as follows: Typhoid fever, 7; diphtheria, 3; scarlet fever, 2.

WEIGHT DOESN'T COUNT

Jack Donovan Takes Two in Three
Falls From Williams.

BIG MAN'S WIND VERY SHORT

After Taking First Fall With Apparent Ease, Former New England Heavyweight Is Unable to Cope With Cleverness of Philadelphian.

Struggling against odds that seemed at first almost too great to overcome, Jack Donovan, of Philadelphia, last night twice threw his heavy opponent, Jack Williams, the former New England heavyweight champion, at the Dreamland theater.

At the start it looked as if the big fellow from New England would overcome every effort of his smaller opponent and after seventeen minutes of cruel fighting, when he suddenly ceased his defensive work and took the initiative, throwing Donovan in a few moments after his first effort, he looked to be a one-sided battle. But those closer to the stage saw that Williams was suffering and from this time on he was not counted as strong.

The opening of the second round showed that the wise ones were not far wrong in their forecast. Williams came on the mat weaker and apparently suffering for lack of breath. In this he had little chance to weaken more, as in two minutes after the opening Donovan had his shoulders to the floor.

Shortly after the beginning of the third, it was seen that Williams was in distress, his breathing was heavy and he was unable to break his opponent's holds as easily as he had in the beginning. He began the third by fighting on the defensive, but after six minutes he was unable to break a double-hammer lock secured by Donovan and his shoulders were slowly, under the terrible pressure, to the mat. Williams is an old wrestler of reputation and at first it seemed that "the old" "come back," but the strain was telling and he was outclassed after the first fall.

Williams on Defensive.

At the opening Williams went on the defensive, surprising the audience as it was thought he would not play for time but would try to end the match as quickly as possible, and it

was more than four minutes before the men went to the mat. Following this the big New Englander pursued the same tactics for some minutes. He was easily able to break Donovan's best holds and seemed to be in perfect condition. When he suddenly changed his mode and made the fight himself, he had Donovan down in short order. With a half Nelson and body hold he forced his opponent down, though the latter bridged prettily several times and it looked as if he might successfully resist what seemed to be a fatal position.

In the second matters changed. Williams after standing on the mat for several seconds went down and his cat-like adversary was on him in a second. In two minutes, with a bow knot and toe hold, Williams was down.

Williams in Distress.

At the beginning of the third, Williams distress was plainly visible to those close to the stage. His breathing was hard and his strength seemed to have entirely deserted him. Williams was again on the defensive, but he was unable to resist a double-hammerlock and in exactly six minutes and twenty seconds he was down and the fight was over.

Williams proved that he was no fake or bluffer. The man showed science and has strength, but he is aged and lacked training. On the other hand Donovan is young, quick and was in the pink of condition.

According to Referee Zello, Williams weighed in at the fight exactly two hundred and twenty-five pounds and Donovan's weight was one hundred and seventy-five.

The match was refereed by Zello and James Wilson was official timekeeper. Professor Puccini, master of the sword at Fort Monroe, acted as second for Williams, while Billy Moran worked in the same capacity in Donovan's corner. The actual fighting time was twenty-six minutes and twenty-five seconds, the first fall being secured in eighteen minutes and five seconds, the second in two minutes and the third in six minutes and twenty seconds.

Midgets on the Mat.

Just before the opening of the main bout, two young chaps, Roy Kelley and Freddy Gary went on for an ex-

hibition bout. Neither weighed more than seventy-five pounds and they resembled a couple of fishing vms as they rolled and tumbled about the stage. Kelley won, securing to out of three falls, but his smaller opponent threw him once.

The crowd was not large, in fact it was too small to show its impatience, but when nearly an hour and a half had passed and no one appeared on the stage it grew tremendously weary. It was nearly quarter past ten o'clock when the main out was started.

This, as explained afterwards by those connected with the match, was due to the fact that Williams did not want to go on before such a small crowd.

OFFICER AND NEGRO HAVE DESPERATE FIGHT

Local Police Asked to Arrest Negro Wanted in Richmond for Car Breaking.

News of a desperate encounter between a special agent of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway and Charles Nicholas, a young negro, near Richmond, Saturday night, was received here yesterday morning when the local police were asked by the railway detective force to arrest Nicholas. The negro is said to have come here Sunday on a freight car to join his brother, "Snipe" Nicholas, who is alleged to be a "dope" seller here.

From what can be learned of the affair, the railway detective and negro had a hard fight. The negro was caught by the officer in the act of breaking into a car on the railway and when the detective tried to arrest his man, Nicholas put up a stiff resistance and succeeded in escaping from the officer. However, the detective gave him several marks by which the police here are to identify the man. These include wounds on the left side and top of the head.

Tidewater Baptists Meet.

Mayor Maryus Jones and several other prominent Baptists of this city, left yesterday for Gloucester county to attend the meeting of the Tidewater Virginia Baptist Association. Mayor Jones is moderator of the association.

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